

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 340

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A RESOLUTION to honor the instructors and students of Jefferson County High School's agriculture education department on being named the best program in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, since the state's founding in 1796, agricultural production has driven Tennessee's economy, and we are proud to sustain our rightful place in the center of the bread basket that feeds America; and

WHEREAS, while the cattle industry ranks first in Tennessee's agricultural production, the Volunteer State ranks second nationally in meat goat production and among the top five in tomatoes, snap beans, and hardwood; and

WHEREAS, agriculture education implements inquiry-based learning in the classroom and career exploration through work study and supervised agricultural experience programs; and

WHEREAS, agriculture education develops leadership skills such as public speaking, teamwork, organization, and civic service through the intracurricular implementation of FFA; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, there are 33,547 middle school and high school students enrolled in agriculture, food, and natural resource courses; they are taught by 347 agriculture instructors who are employed by 205 high school and seven middle school agriculture education programs; and

WHEREAS, from among this great number of high quality programs, the Jefferson County High School (JCHS) agriculture education department was honored as the Outstanding Agriculture Education Program in the State of Tennessee by the National Association of Agricultural Educators at the most recent Tennessee FFA State Convention; and

WHEREAS, the teachers and students of JCHS's agriculture education department are to be greatly commended for their many contributions to Tennessee's thriving agricultural industries; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the instructors and students of the Jefferson County High School agriculture education department upon being named the Outstanding Agriculture Education Program in the State of Tennessee and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in the classroom and on the farm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.